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1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. PTO SB08 form (2 references)
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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Canadian application.

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Applicants respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form SB08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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